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Short week, Bobcats present challenges for 4-1 Eagles

Football

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Riding high after two big Sun Belt wins at Allen E. Paulson Stadium, Georgia Southern will have little time to rest on its laurels as it heads to San Marcos, Texas, for a Thursday night game at Texas State. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m. (ET) at Bobcat Stadium. The game will be shown nationally on ESPNU, as well as online on WatchESPN and will be available via radio on the Georgia Southern Sports Network. Here's all you need to know about the game:

Game 6: Thursday, Oct. 11, 2018 • 7:32 PM (ET)

Location: San Marcos, Texas (Bobcat Stadium; 30,000)

Records:

Georgia Southern: 4-1, 2-0 Sun Belt

Texas State: 1-4, 0-2 Sun Belt

Broadcast Information

Broadcast: ESPNU/WatchESPN

PBP: Mark Neely; Analyst: John Congemi

Radio: Georgia Southern Sports Network

PBP: [Danny Reed](#); Analyst: Terry Harvin; Sidelines: Russ Brown

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Inside The Series

Overall: Fourth Meeting (GS leads, 2-1) • 1-0 Home; 1-1 Away

Current Streak: GS, Won 2

Last Meeting: Oct. 29, 2015 (W, 37-13) - Allen E. Paulson Stadium | Statesboro, Ga.

Facts Maybe Only We Find Interesting: Texas State won the first game in the series, a 50-35 victory in 2005, but the Eagles have won the past two games (28-25 in 2014 in San Marcos and 37-13 in 2015 in Statesboro) ... Georgia Southern is 5-5 all-time in games played on Thursdays, 3-2 at home and 2-3 on the road ...

Georgia Southern will have a short week to prepare for the Bobcats on Thursday night ... Georgia Southern is 3-4 all-time on short rest (less than seven days), losing their last four games of this type after winning their first three short-week games ... They face this same scenario in a few weeks when they play at New Mexico State next weekend, followed by a home game with Appalachian State on the following Thursday ... Offensive coordinator [Bob DeBesse](#) graduated from Texas State in 1982, when it was still known as Southwest Texas State and went on to serve as head coach for six seasons ... Over an 11-day span, Georgia Southern will travel a combined 5,410 miles round-trip via bus or plane as they travel to Texas State and New Mexico State.

Countdown to Kickoff

10: Georgia Southern has a +10 turnover margin in five games, tied for second-best in the FBS.

9: [Wesley Kennedy III](#) leads the team with **nine** plays of 20 yards or longer (four catches, three KOR, one rush, one PR).

8: Georgia Southern has forced a turnover in **eight** consecutive games.

7: Starting this week, Georgia Southern will play five of its final **seven** games on the road to wrap up the regular season.

6: Offensive coordinator [Bob DeBesse](#) played for the Bobcats and then served for **six** seasons as their head coach from 1997-2002, winning 27 games for then-Southwest Texas State.

5: Georgia Southern is **5-5** all-time on Thursday nights.

4: The Eagles have lost their past **four** games played on short weeks, like this one will be.

3: Georgia Southern will be playing in San Marcos for the **third** time, where they own a 1-1 mark.

2: **Two** Eagle players — [Chris Harris Jr.](#) and [Marcus Rogers](#) — made their first career start last week against USA.

1: [Alvin Ward Jr.](#) scored the **first** defensive touchdown of the season last week on an interception return.